THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) As per the report furnished by Municipal Corporation of Delhi, the Department Promotion Committee in its meeting held in December, 1997 considered all the Scheduled Tribes Candidates whose names figures within the extended zone of considered for promotion to the grade of Assistant Engineers (Civil) as per the standing instructions.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Municipal Corporation of Delhi has however, indicated that there does not exist any justification to review the proceedings of the Departmental Promotion Committee which met in 1997 as all the eligible SC/ST candidates including those in the extended zone of consideration were considered for promotion to the grade of Assistant Engineer (Civil). It has further been clarified by the Corporation that the officer whose case was taken up by the Hon'ble Member of Parliament was not covered even within the extended zone by consideration and hence, he was not considered for promotion to the grade of Assistant Engineer (Civil) by the DPC which met in December, 1997.

Case against Alex Perry

806. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether FRRO was investigating a case against Alex Perry, the reporter working with TIME magazine; and

(b) if so, what are the results of the investigation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASARGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir, Mr. Alex Perry was summoned by Foreigners Regional Registration Officer, Delhi to enquire into his holding of multiple Travel documents and purpose of visit to India.

(b) The issue is under examination by Foreigners Regional Registration Officer, Delhi.